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SUBJECT: VESCO EXTRADITION: SELECTION OF LAWYERS

REF: (A) STATE 161032; (B) SAN JOSE 3242

1. EDUARDO ORTIZ INFORMED EMBASSY JULY 10 THAT HE ACCEPTS CASE. FOR INITIAL STUDY PHASE HE HAS QUOTED HOURLY RATE OF \$85. U.S. CONSULTATION WOULD BE FIRST CLASS TRAVEL, EXPENSES, AND \$150 PER DAY HONORARIUM. ORTIZ IS AVAILABLE FOR TRAVEL AT DEPARTMENT'S WISHES. HE NOTED THAT HE IS PLANNING TRAVEL TO PHILADELPHIA AND NEW YORK SOMETIME IN AUGST ON BUSINESS (HIS IBM CLIENT).

2. ORTIZ AND FAMILY STILL QUITE CONCERNED ABOUT PERSONAL SECURITY. ORTIZ HAS COME TO CONCLUSION THAT HIS FAMILY WOULD NOT BE TARGET OF ANY SERIOUS VESCO RETALIATION, AND TENDS TO DOUBT THAT HE WOULD BE AS WELL - ALTHOUGH HE IS NOT COMPLETELY CONVINCED. WHEN HE CONSULTS IN NEW YORK AND WASHINGTON, ORTIZ WILL RAISE MATTER OF SECURITY. HE THINKS THAT VESCO WOULD BE MUCH MORE LIKELY TO TRY SOMETHING AGAINST HIM IN THE U.S. RATHER THAN IN COSTA RICA.

3. ORTIZ SAID HE IS READY TO BEGIN TO UNDERTAKE INVESTIGATION OF TREATY/LAW IMMEDIATELY. EMBOFF TOLD ORTIZ THAT FOR TIME BEING HE SHOULD AWAIT INSTRUCTIONS FROM EMBASSY, AND THAT, PER REFTEL (B), EITHER INVESTIGATION BASED ON QUESTIONS SENT FROM DEPARTMENT

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OR TRAVEL TO U.S. IS FIRST ORDER OF BUSINESS.

EMBASSY WILL PROVIDE ORTIZ COPY OF PICADO STUDY  
AFTER CHECKING WITH PICADO TO PROTECT OUR PERSONAL RELATIONSHIP.

4. ORTIZ WILL PROVIDE NAMES AND BIO DATA OF TWO LAWYERS  
HE WILL WANT TO WORK WITH HIM ON CASE FOR WASHINGTON  
APPROVAL.

5. ORTIZ ASKED THAT EMBASSY AND USG KEEP HIS DECISION  
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